Statement

Allocation and Offtake of Foodgrains under Food for Work Programme in drought affected States (January, 2001 to Date)

(Allotted Free of Cost)

(in tonnes)

	Allotment (Upto 14.8.2001)			Offtake (Prov) (Upto 2.8.2001)		
	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL	RICE	WHEAT	TOTAL
Andhra Pradesh	300000	0	300000	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	507000	0	507000	407000	0	407000
Gujarat	31590	116515	148105	19185	69621	88806
Himachal Pradesh	11549	0	11549	7286	0	7286
Karnataka	57460	42540	100000	0	0	0
Maharashtra	10000	40000	50000	5110	14368	19478
Madhya Pradesh	54424	158655	213079	39095	123846	162941
Orissa	150000	0	150000	131815	14617	146432
Rajasthan	0	739505	739505	0	477441	477441
TOTAL:	1122023	1097215	2219238	609491	699893	1309384

In case of Orissa Wheat Allocation of 20,000 Tonnes has been converted into Rice Allocation but 14617 Tonnes of lifting of wheat has been reported.

Transportation and Handling Charges for Wheat

3357. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the handling and transportation charges per tonne/per kilometre of wheat is same all over the country;

(b) whether it is cheaper to do this work departmentally;

(c) whether the FCI has tried to privatize this activity during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The handling and road transportation charges are not the same all over the country and may vary from depot to depot. However, transporation charges per tonne per kilometre by rail for wheat allover the country are the same, except in a few notified sections where freight rates are charged by the Railways on the basis of inflated distance. The freight rates are on telescopic basis. In other words frieght per tonne per kilometre decreases according to increasing distance-slabs.

(b) The handling of foodgrain bags in the depots/godowns by the FCI is much costlier in comparison to the handling of these operations through the contractors for the reason that regular departmental workers are eligible for wages and other benefits irrespective of the fact whether the work is available or not. In case of contract labour, payment is made with reference to the quantum of bags handled on piece rate basis.

(c) & (d) The FCI is appointing handling and transport contractors through-out the country in the depots other than the depots where departmental workers are doing handling work; but even in the departmentally operated depots, road-transportation work is being undertaken by the transport contractors appointed through open tender enquiry.

Paddy loss during storage in Punjab and Haryana

3358. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of paddy lost during storage in Punjab and Haryana during 1998 and 1999;

(b) whether these losses have been at par with the losses reported in Assam, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh during the above period; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India (FCI) has reported storage loss of paddy during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 in Punjab and Haryana as under: